THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The Irving Club has issued invitations for its annual dance, which is to be held on Thursday evening, February 4, at the clubhouse, No. 78 Herkimerst. Mrs. Howard O. Wood. Mrs. Alfred G. Belden, Mrs. Ronald Taylor, Mrs. Herbert B. Stevens, Mrs. George G. Brooks and Mrs. Robert Perine will be the patronesses of the affair, which gives every promise of being a success.

Last Wednesday marked the ending of the pleas-Last Wednesday marked the ending of the pleas-ant series of "at homes" given by Mrs. Spencer A. Jennings, at her home in Willoughby-ave. Among those who have assisted her in receiving are Mrs. Horatio M. Adams, Mrs. P. R. Jennings, Mrs. Rich-mond Gibb, Mrs. J. Henry Dick, Mrs. Frank C. Jen-nings and Mrs. Frank Baldwin.

The wedding of Miss Florence E. Norcom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Norcom, of Greene-ave., and Edward C. Watson, will take place on Wednesday, February 24, at the Church of the Messiah, at 5 o'clock in the evening. The ceremony will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

An attractive musical drew a large number of guests to the home of Mrs. J. W. Hoss, in Ross-st., on Wednesday afternoon. Those contributing to the musical part of the programme were Mrs. Mathilde Hallam, Miss Grace Hallam and Frederick Reddall, and Miss Marion Coppernell read an interesting sketch of English theatres and players.

Mrs. Alden S. Swan and Mrs. Walter Gibb, nee Swan, have anonunced "at homes" for Wednesday afternoons in February at No. 189 Columbia Heights.

There will be a book reception under the direction of the Brooklyn Public Library Association to-mor-row evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Isaac H. Cary, No. 35 Pierrepont-st., to which each guest is expected to bring a book, and to indicate its title by means of a costume or a badge.

Miss Mattle Eloise Adams will give a tea at her Home, No. 25 Herkimer-st., on Wednesday, from 4 till 7 o'clock. Miss Alberta Bidley, of New-York, and Miss Louise Hayes and Miss Lulu Kenyon, of Brooklyn, will assist her in receiving her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunbar Adams will spend the remainder of the winter at the Royal Poinciana Hotel, Palm Beach, Fla.

A large number of guests attended the "at home" of Mrs. Edward H. Litchfield and Miss Litchfield yesterday afternoon, from 4 till 7 o'clock, at No. 2 Montague Terrace.

The wedding of Miss Helen Deming Sherman. daughter of John Taylor Sherman, and George Dupont Pratt, will take place at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the Reformed Church, on the Heights, the Rev. Douglas Adam, pastor of the church, officiating.

On Friday evening of this week, at 8:30 o'clock, Mrs. Frances I., Eames and Edward H. Kidder will give a dance at the Pierrepont Assembly Rooms.

A pleasant euchre party was given at the home of Miss Florence Jenkins, No. 125 Halsey-st., on Tues-day evening. This was the fourth club meeting of a series to be given in the season, and the gathering was an enjoyable one throughout. Among the club members and guests present were Miss Adam, Miss Bartindals, Miss Behrends, Miss Craft, Miss Crane, Miss Creighton, Miss Florence Jenkins, Miss Crane, Miss Creighton, Miss Florence Jenkins, Miss Johnston, Miss Murray, Miss Wendover, Miss Pettit, Miss Madge Jenkins, Miss Moon, Miss Huntington, Miss Jenkins, and Messrs, Adam, Clapp, Ells, Grayhurst, Holley, Hun ington, Palmer, Murray; Peck, W. P. Scott, Jr., Torrey, Tough, Egerton, Jenkins and Smith.

The masquerade ball of the Bohemian Burlesquere was given on Friday night at Saengerbund Hall, Smith and Schermerhorn sts. A large crowd was in attendance in many varieties of costume. The festivities were kept up until an early hour Satur-day morning.

The midwinter dance of the senior class of the Polytechnic Institute was given in the gymnasium of the institute on Friday night. About 200 persons were present. The music was furnished by Hart's Orchestra. The library at the institute, which was used as a reception-room, was tastefully decorated with palms and potted plants. Dancing began in the gymnasium at 10 o'clock. The young men had taken great pains to have the gymnastum decorated in such a manner as to hide all the apparatus, and it looked like a ballroom. The orchestra was condance dinner was served in the lecture-room. patronesses of the dance were Mrs. David H. Cochran, Mrs. George W. Chauncey, Mrs. James Augus-tus Hewlett, Mrs. Edward H. Litchfield, Mrs. A. A. Low, Mrs. J. Rogers Maxwell, Mrs. William A. Taylor, Mrs. Charles B. Van Nostrand and Mrs. W. Augustus White; and the Graduate which had the affair in charge, consisted of Dr. William B. Brinsmade, Victor A. Barnes, Norman 8. Dike, Duncan Edwards, Theodore L. Frothing ham. Thomas A. Gardiner, Howard J. Haslehurst, Clyde Notman, Charles A. Sherman and Frank D Some of those present were R. Elliot Jacobs, W. S. Peters, Charles A. Sherman, Lea Herrick. Rutger Planter, Louis P. MacNamara, the Misses Packard, Philip Wheeler, Miss Elizabeth Lockwood, William A. Taylor, Franklin Gregory, Paul Libby, William Steel, Frank D. Tuttle, R. H. Van Nostrand, W. A. White, Howard Rhondes Howard Rushmore, Howard J. Haslehurst, Thomas Van Nostrand, W. A. White, howard Islands, Howard Rushmore, Howard J. Haslehurst, Thomas A. Gardiner, B. T. Prothingham, Mrs. Story, John J. Rooney, Clement Parsons, Phillip Ruxten, Frank Ogilvie, Ed Tauchert, Arthur T. Hewlett, Miss Flora M. Clouser, T. J. Lutkins, Mrs. J. R. Maxwell, Miss Mary Stillman, Paul Curtis, John Preuss, Edward J. Burn, Robert Mathews, F. W. Ackerman, Waiter Hazard, Ralph Perry, Richard Hurst, Roy Longman, A. Henry Ackerman, William O'Meara, William I. Frothingham, M. B. Waterman, Mortimer O'Brien, Edward B. Jordan, fr., Henry S. Snow, Erskine Lott, Duncan Edwards, Charles Putnam, the Misses Putnam, H. R. Simmons, Miss K. P. B. Thomas, George H. Southard, Miss Each, Miss Shields, Miss Seymour, Miss McCarroll, Miss Chapman, Miss Andrews, Miss Tolar, Miss Maxwell, A. S. Paul, Mrs. Ellen M. Austin, Miss Purdy, Mrs. A. Low, Richard Mott Cahoone, Harry C. Van Clief, Albert L. Mason, A. B. Gale, C. A. Simmons, William H. Cary, Ralph Thompson, Raymond Grace, Victor Barnes, James Watt, Percy Shultz, Clafiln Wighte, O. W. Heinigke, Miss Louise Maxwell, James A. Cameron, Richard L. Russell, L. S. Webb, Clyde Notman, Miss Notman, George A. Chauncey, John Bergen, Miss Marvin, Dr. Brinsmade, Mrs. Hotchkiss and H. S. Downs.

The Euterpe Society, which was dissolved recently after a career lasting five years, is to have a successor. The Brooklyn Amateur Philharmonic Club, which is composed of many of the Euterpe' old members, on Friday filed articles of incorpora old members, on Friday filed articles of incorpora-tion in the County Clerk's office. The objects of the corporation are stated to be "promoting the cul-tivation of instrumental music and social inter-course among its members." It is incorporated by Joseph G. Tarr, of Jamaica, Henry Vocge, of No. 22 Clinton-st.; H. A. Pettil, of No. 115 Henry-st.; Au-gust Vocge, of No. 59 Stanhope-st., and Joseph F. Quinn, of No. 227 De Kalb-ave.

The St. George Assembly gave a dance at the St George Hotel Friday night. The committee having the affair in charge had made extensive preparations for it, and about 400 invitations were sent out The hallway leading to the reception room was hung with Chinese lanterns, and the room itself profusely decorated with potted plants, palms and smilax. Muller's orchestra of seven pieces was concealed behind a bank of palms. Dancing began at o'clock. The patronesses of the dance were Mrs L. Cooper Overman, Mrs. James S. Leeds, Mrs. P. Minturn Smith, Mrs. Olive T. Hardy, Mrs. George Walter Turner, Mrs. William B. Mott, Mrs. J. F Creswell Smith, Mrs. Michael Chauncey and Mrs William D. Bennett. The committee having the af-fair in charge were Edward W. Irwin, James K. fair in charge were Edward W. Irwin, James K. Atkinson, Frank B. Midgley, Charles H. Werner, Hugh V. Roddy, Stuart Smith, Oscar L. Collins and A. Sidney Kirkman. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Mitton Roblee Mr. and Mrs. J. F. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ammerman, the Misses Wells, Decker, Skillman, Staples, Simmons, Hardy, Patterson, Bergen, Newton, Snediker, Clements, Rudkin, Bell, Mrs. Audermairs, and Messrs. Overman, Huntington, Donovan, Wade, Shields, Donohue, Hatfield, Mills, Safford, Buffington, Allen Turner, Judge, Crary, Belez, Wyckoff, McCreary, Clark, Shea, S. M. Turner, McGuire, Lewy, Mather, Chauncey, Sterry, Staples, W. E. Midgley, Van Saun, H. M. Pearsall, F. Foote, R. Schermerhorn and S. J. Collins, After the dance supper was served in the banquet hall.

The sixty-second anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Walte W. Smith has just been cele brated at their home in Amityville. Mr. Smith is now eighty-eight years old, and his wife is eight years his junior. Mrs. Smith has remarkably good health, but her husband is a little feeble. There was a reception at their home in honor of the oc-

The Wednesday Evening In and Out Club, which was organized this season, has proved highly successful. Four meetings have now been held, the first being for cards; second, bowling; third, a thea-tre party at the Garrick, after which supper was served at the Waldorf; fourth, for cards. The next meeting will be bowling at the Germania Club, in Brooklyn, on February 10, and the last meeting will be held on Saturday evening, February 27, on which occasion the club will dine at the Hotel Man-

hattan and will afterward attend a theatre. The members include Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Johnson, Miss Perego, Miss Lockitt, Miss Sloan, Miss Vickers, Miss Murray, Miss Skillman, Miss Hodgskin, of Brooklyn, and the Misses Vall, of New-York City; James P. Harper, James H. Mairs, Richards M. Cahoone, Frederick W. Blossom, T. Ellett Hodgskin, John C. Juhring, Edward W. Ditmars, of Brooklyn, and Everett N. Blanke, Charles Arthur Cone and Frank H. MacGovern, of New-York,

The customary annual midwinter reception and dance given by J. C. Van Cleaf, proprietor of the Mansion House, in Hicks-st., in honor of his guests, took place Friday night. The hotel was elaborately decorated for the occasion. Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. W. were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barciay, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Haviland, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Waters, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Van Cleaf, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Colyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Colyer, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Beekman, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Bouis T. Duryea, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis, Mrs. S. M. Ivins, Mrs. G. H. Kent, Mrs. Ida G. Lynch, the Misses Lulu Van Cleaf, Kittle Stevens, Lydia Endall, Antoinette Barclay, Vida Hunt, Kathleen Lynch and Edith De Gray, and Duncan Harding, W. L. Cameron, J. G. Wells, Robert Bardwell, Harry Wood, Walter Clay, B. Waterman, Mart O'Brien and Ludlow Valentine.

AMONG THE CLUBS.

NOTES FROM BROOKLYN'S SOCIAL OR-

GANIZATIONS.

ARRANGING FOR THE RIDING AND DRIVING CLUB'S HORSE SHOW-INCIDENTS AND HAP-

PENINGS IN OTHER HOUSES.

The Crescent Athletic Club's annual billiard tournament was begun on Monday night. The first round was played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The second began on Friday, and will last until Tuesday evening. First and second prizes will be given. In trap-shooting the club still manifests a lively interest, and on Saturday last beat the Garden City visitors in a match at twenty-five birds, six on a side, by a margin of nine teen birds. It has arranged a match shoot at clay birds with the Princeton College team, to take place at the Bay Ridge grounds on either February 17 or 20. The Crescent's lacrosse trip to England will be managed by J. S. Garvin, the captain of

The Crescent is giving a series of Sunday afternoon entertainments in the clubhouse with great success. They are concerts of a high class, and the club members seem to take great interest in them. Rooms in the Germania Club will be used for the present by the newly formed Weman's Whist Club of Brooklyn.

RIDING AND DRIVING CLUB. The Horse Show Committee of the Brooklyn Riding and Driving Club met in the clubhouse on Monday evening and elected the following officers: Chairman, H. H. Salmon; secretary, W. H. Erhart; treasurer, W. W. Walsh, E. E. Litchfield, D. S. Richardson and S. C. Pirle resigned from the committee, owing to the pressure of other business. Their successors are J. Henry Dick, Clarence W. Seamans and Park Commissioner Jacob G. Dett mer. Frank D. Beard, J. H. Walbridge and G. Herbert Potter were appointed a committee to take charge of the preparation of the prize list. At this meeting it was decided to limit the show to four evenings at the close of the week ending May 1. Instead of having most classes open to all, as was the case last year, it was decided that outsiders can enter only four-in-hands, tandems, polo ponies and jumpers. The entries will close about three weeks

The Riding and Driving Club will meet the Rough Riding Club of New-York City in a tent-pegging competition at the home of the former on Wednesday evening. February 3. A music ride by the Brooklyn club and a drill by the visitors will precede the contest. The Brooklyn club will present a banner as the prize. After the contest the Rough Riding Club will be entertained at the Montauk Club. The Rough Riding Club will take part in the contest in uniform.

before the show opens. The precise date, however,

The Entertainment Committee of the Riding and Driving Club, through its chairman, Hamilton H. Salmon, has invited Troop C to give an exhibition drill at the clubhouse on the evening of February 24. Troop C has not yet accepted, but Captain Clayton said the other day that the troopers would be glad to give the exhibition, and that they would accept the invitation.

On Wednesday a game of basket-ball was played at the Riding and Driving Club by Pratt Institute and Adelphi College, the prize being a silk banner presented by the club. Adelphi won the match by a score of 20 to 0. The game was preceded by a music ride by members of the club. The following nembers took part in it: O. Rothmuller and Miss Candee, Colonel J. N. Partridge and Miss Sherwell, H. De Selding and Miss Busby, Frederick W. Hinrichs and Miss Gertrude Busby, C. W. Sea-mans and Mrs. W. L. Candee, F. H. Page and Mrs. Whiting, William Wilson and Miss Duryea, F. U. Gregory and Miss Burris, and J. Henry Smith, S. E. Buchanan, R. Daniel, W. J. Gilmore, jr., S. T. White and Mr. Hopkins.

Hamilton H. Salmon has been elected a director of the club. UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

Ex-Mayor Schleren and the heads of departments under his administration will have a dinner at the Union League Club to-morrow evening. There will be eighteen present, the only outsider being President William Berri, of the club,

The Union League's annual art exhibition will open on Wednesday evening and continue throughout the week. On the opening evening Mr. and Mrs. William Berri will receive the guests. A private view of the collection will be given on Tues lay evening at 8:00. The experiment of having a progressive cuchre

party at which both sexes were present seems to have been a success at this club. It was the club's first venture in that line, and it took place on Tuesday evening. Play began at \$15, and there were nearly two hundred entries. Fifteen games were played. The winners and prizes were as fol-lows. Women's prizes-First, Mrs. A. G. Perham, Bohemian vase; second, Mrs. Eastman, Dresder umbrella; third, Mrs. J. E. Prior, gold pocketbook. Men's prizes-First, J. W. Watkins, umbrella; second, Joseph White, military brushes; third, Dr. J. A. Schmidt, stein, After the prizes had been dis Chairman W. F. Fuller, of the Entertainment Committee, had charge of the affair. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cader, S. B. Wyckoff, J. N. Wyckoff, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stevens, A. H. Cropsey, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Bigg. Miss Elsie Fuller, Register Granville W. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Russell, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. William Berri, Mrs. Raymond, A. H. Leich, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Leslie and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Wells.

CYCLE CLUB OF BROOKLYN.

The Cycle Club of Brooklyn has engaged Miss Paula Grum, of the Royal Gymnasium, of Copen-hagen, to instruct a class of women. The class met for the first time on Wednesday, and will meet on every Wednesday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock. Miss Grum is organizing classes in calisthenics and physical culture for women, to be held in the club's quarters, in Hanson Place. MIDWOOD CLUB OF FLATBUSH.

The Midwood Club will have an entertainment very Thursday evening until near the end of April. The variety of these entertainments is shown by the programme. The first, which was held on last Thursday, was a musical. On February 4 there will be a reception and dance; on February 11 a concert by club members; on February 18 a mock trial; on February 25 a minstrel show; on March 11,

lecture: March 25, stereopticon exhibition; April 8,

lecture; March Z, stereopticon exhibition; April 8, reading and musical; April 22, farce. Some of the dates are not yet filled in.

The musical mentioned was held on a stormy and disagreeable night, but that had no effect on the attendance, which was so large as to show a flattering confidence in Morrison Hoyt's Entertainment Committee. The entertainment was given by Mrs. E. J. Grant, soprano; Miss Bessie Strauss, planist, and Purdon Robinson, barytone; E. J. Grant and C. W. Rigers, accompanists.

The Entertainment Committee which has arranged these affairs consists of Morrison Hoyt, chairman; Edmund H. Driggs, John F. Oltrogge, Handolph Brand, A. B. Tremaine, Dr. George B. Dowling and J. F. Robb. The president of the club is William A. A. Brown.

Literary evenings are also being given at the Midwood Club. The first one, on January 7, at which Oliver Wendell Holmes and his works were discussed, was followed by a series of papers on Mark Twain on Wednesday last. The committee in charge is composed of William B. Keese, Hazard Lasher, Arthur Frazer and Charles H. Fuller. The

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CORTELYOU CLUB.

On Wednesday evening the Building Committee of the Cortelyou Club accepted plans for improvements to be made in the clubhouse, in Bedford-ave,, near Newkirk. The entertainment hall will be enlarged by an addition. The club is still young, but has grown beyond the capacity of the clubhouse. When it was established it was supposed that its membership would not exceel 100, but it has already reached the figure of 250, and the entertainment hall is crowded whenever it is in use.

The Cortelyou Club will give a calleo ball on the evening of Washington's Birthday. A thumb-bit evening of Washington's Birthday. A thumb-bit party will be given on the evening of March 6, but this will be a "stag."

A concert was given at this club last night under the direction of William Rasch. Tuesday last was ladies day, and the club was filled with wives and daughters of the members. On Wednesday the newly organized chorus of the club had its second rehearsal. The chorus will give the comic opera of "Trial by Jury" some time in the spring. Among its members are Mr. and Mrs. William Rasch, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. William Ritchle, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dix, Frederick Dix, Miss Lillian Dix, Mrs. Henry A. Meyer, Adolph Neef, Miss Mamie Neef, Frederick Pashley, Edward Werle, J. Werle, George J. Craigen and Miss Anna Craigen.

THE SKATING CLUBS. The fifth of the series of championship hockey games was played on Tuesday night at the St. Nicholis Rink, in New-York City, between teams

Nicholis Rink, in New-York City, between teams from the Crescent Athletic Club and the Brooklyn Skating Club. The result was a tie, each team scoring two goals.

The Carnival Committee of the Skating Club of Brooklyn, which is arranging for the carnival on Monday evening. February 15, announces that there will be no masking. This, it is believed, will have the effect of removing scruples in the minds of women who are distrustful of masquerades.

HAMILTON CLUB.

Last night the Hamilton Club began a series of monthly club nights, which will fall on the last Saturday of each month. On these occasions a reception will be held and an entertainment provided. Each of these affairs will begin at 9 o'clock and close at 10:30, and will be followed by a supper. COLUMBIAN CLUB.

The Columbian Club provided a pleasant entertainment for its members last night at the clubhouse, in Hanson Place. The entertainers were William Josh

IRVING CLUB. The Irving Club held its second progressive euchre party on Monday evening. The prizes were won by Edgar Dunham, George A. Prendergast, Edward E

Gilpin and H. C. McLarin. The Irving-Knicker-bocker bowling games on Tuesday evening were fol-lowed by an informal dance. THE BRIDGE PRESIDENCY.

As on the appointment of a Bridge trustee by Mayor Wurster to succeed ex-Mayor Howell the Republicans will have a majority in the Board, there is some speculation affoat regarding the election of a president. The vice-president is J. Seaver Page, one of the trustees representing New-York, and it has been suggested that he is in the natural line of promotion. Mr. Page said yesterday that he was grateful to his friends who had pro-posed that he should be elected to the presidency, but declared that on account of his health it would be impossible for him to accept the office in any circumstances. He added that he would readily relinquish the vice-presidency if his doing so would facilitate the organization of the Board after the appointment of a new trustee by Mayor Wurster.

meetings will hereafter be held regularly at inter- C. H. C. VAN DUSEN DISMISSED vals of about three weeks.

HE WAS CONFIDENTIAL CLERK TO THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

SUMMARY ACTION BY THE BOARD ON CHARGES MATTER-A SURPRISE TO HIS PRIENDS.

Clarence H. C. Van Dusen, confidential clerk of the Board of Election Commissioners of Brooklyn, was peremptorily discharged by the Election Commissioners yesterday at 1 o'clock on charges affecting his integrity. The news was a great surprise in political circles in Brooklyn, as Mr. Van Dusen has held confidential relations with the Board for some ime, a great amount of the practical work of the bureau devolving upon him. Mr. Van Dusen lives at No. 297 Flatbush-ave. His salary was \$2,500 a year. He was appointed a ballot clerk on July 18, 1890, and had been continuously in office since then. Commissioners Moulton, Blair, Edwards and Erregger yesterday forenoon held a long conference at headquarters, in Smith-st. The result was the per-emptory dismissal of Mr. Van Dusen.

The Commissioners summoned William Walton, official stenographer in Corporation Counsel Burr's office, and gave him a statement for publication,

substantially as follows:
First, that Mr. Van Dusen sold to the city of Brooklyn thirty canvassers' official election codes at \$150 a copy. They were ordered by Colonel Charles B. Morton, chairman of the Board of Canyassers, say these codes were the property of the Board of Elections. Mr. Van Dusen says they were a part of an edition printed for him by Mr. Jewett, an Albany publisher, sent from Albany to Mr. Dusen's house in Flatbush-ave., and then sold to the county canvassers in a legitimate manner.

Dusen's house in Flatbush-avc, and then sold to the county canvassers in a legitimate manner. The second charge is that Mr. Van Dusen sold 1,000 election manuals of instruction to the Police Board of New-York city for use by the Bureau of Elections of New-York receiving therefor \$130, \$50 of which Mr. Van Dusen retained for his personal use, the remainder going to a New-York printer who had printed a similar election manual of instructions for the Brooklyn Election Commissioners, Mr. Walton informed the newspaper men that the Commissioners had turned the case over to District-Attorney Backus for official action.

Mr. Van Dusen's friends expressed the greatest surprise yesterday that such summary action had been taken in a matter involving a comparatively small amount of money and a disputed ownership of printed matter.

When Commissioner Blair was seen by a Tribune reporter, and the suggestion was made that the dismissal of Mr. Van Dusen would cause surprise, Mr. Blair made the laconic reply:

The Shouldn't have done it.

The Election Commissioners are men of high standing and conscientious scruples, and say that they acted after due consideration.

Mr. Van Dusen is about thirty-four years old and has made election laws a study. He gave valuable services to the Senate committee which last year prepared amendments to the Raines blanket ballot law, and his friends say that he wrote about all the amendments. He is a Republican, and used to be a newspaper man. He had published last spring an election manual, which received an extended sale.

PLANS OF THE ORATORIO CLUB. The work of the Oratorio Club, of Brooklyn, for the current season, as at present outlined, is as

follows:

At the Academy of Music, on Tuesday, February 9, will be given the first concert, under the auspices of the Church Charity Foundation. The charale from Wagner's "Die Meistersinger" and Mendelssohn's setting of "Midsummer Night's Dream" will be heard, the text of the latter being read by George Riddle, the choruses sung by the ladies of the club, and the instrumental numbers played by a carefully selected orchestra of lifty musicians. There will also be sung for the first time in this country a new work by Arthur Somervell, "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

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duced from 75c. to 25c. and 35c. yard.

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Nearly all fresh, new garments made for this ale at less than 1/2 the earlier prices. Mostly all black, but a few elegant Jackets in tan, green, blue and brown.

Those worth 7.50 will be \$3.50 Those worth 10.00 will be \$4.50 Those worth 20.00 will be \$8.75 and \$9.50 Those worth 25.00 will be \$12.00

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at 95c. pair.

We will offer to-morrow in White, Drab and Black the "SONNETTE GORE CORSET" (by the manufacturers of the celebrated C. P. style), made of French Coutil, heavily Silk flossed and cut on the latest Parisian Gore pattern; lined in all colors and in sizes 18 to 30 inch, at 95c. pair. Former price in White and Drab, \$1.50; in Black, \$1.75.

LINENS.

(2nd floor.)

On Monday will be shown our new importation of LINEN DRESS GOODS, consisting of TIMEN BATISTES.

LINEN CRASHES,

in all the new shades.

A Novelty: "Troika Hemespun." LINEN SUITING in Blue and White, Black and White, Olive, Black, Blue and Gray; suitable for bleycle, golf and riding suits.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

BOYS' IMPORTED PERCALE DRESS SHIRTS, special lot with 2 collars and 1 pair cuffs; regular price \$1.25, at 75c. each.

WRAPPERS, 4 to 18 year sizes; usually \$3.50 to \$6.00, at \$1.50 and \$2.50. NIGHT SHIRTS in Outing Flannel, fancy stripes, trimmed with embroidery, at 75c. each.

BOYS' EIDERDOWN and FLANNEL

Also plain muslin of excellent quality, handmade button holes, at 50c. each. NECKWEAR-Choice assortment of FOUR-IN-HANDS, TECKS and TIES, at 25c., 50c.

and \$1.00 each. SIX SHIRTS MADE TO ORDER, FIT GUARANTEED, for \$9.00.

SALE OF

HANDKERCHIEFS.

MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES, SLIGHTLY IMPERFECT. 200 dozen MEN'S PURE LINEN HEM-STITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, extra fine LINEN MOMIE | quality, all widths of hems, at 18c. each, \$2.00 dozen. We are regularly selling these goods at

25c. to 75c. each. TRIMMINGS.

Great display to-morrow of imported DRESS GARNITURES in black and colored beads, spangles, etc., that were formerly \$2.00 to \$5.00, at 50c. to 75c. each.

Also a new line of fine cut jet and silk bolero pieces at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.50 and \$3.75 each. VERY SPECIAL VALUE.

Leather Goods & Trunks.

BRIDLE LEATHER DRESS SUIT CASES. linen and leather lined, with brass locks, snap catches and straps, 24 inches.

were \$6.50, at. \$4.75 each. 8.00, at \$6.00 each. 8.50, at \$6.50 each.

CANVAS COVERED TRAVELLING
TRUNKS, cloth lined top and two trays, brass
lock, iron bottom, snap catches, four protecting
slats and malleable iron corners,
28 3) 32 34 36 in.

at \$3.50 \$3.75 \$4.00 \$4.50 \$5.50

BURNHAM. JOURNEAY AND

SCHOOLGIRLS OVERWORKED,

PHYSICIANS SEND A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICAL SOCIETY ASSERTS

THAT THE PRESENT CURRICULUM OF THE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL IS EXCESSIVELY SEVERE AND DANGEROUS TO HEALTH.

The Board of Education at its meeting on Tuesday afternoon will be called upon to consider one of the most important communications ever presented to its body, namely, a request on the part sented to its body, namely, a request on the part of the Homocopathic Medical Society of Kings County for a less severe course of study for the Girls' High School, on the ground that the present requirements are seriously injurious to the health of many pupils. Resolutions were adopted at a monthly of the seconds on January 12 meeting of the society on January 12 embodying the opinion of the society on the subject. Several months ago Dr. Alton S. Warner read a paper before his colleagues, entitled, "Why Do So Many Children Wear Glasses". He maintained that it was the result of excessive demands upon the eyes of the pupils, on account of the course of study in the Girls' High School and the upper grades of the grammar schools. Since then so much data has been collected by the physicians bearing upon this particular subject that they feel justified in addressing the following communication to the Board of Education:

Board of Education:

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the City of Brooklyn:

The undersigned committee of the Homoeopathic Medical Society of the County of Kings respectfully address you in behalf of the society in regard to the numerous and increasing number of cases or overwork among those attending the Girls' High School.

We feel that the subject is worthy of your most serious attention. Many of the more delicately organized students have succumbed to the mental application and long confinement necessitated by the prescribed course of study. The great strain comes at the formative period of life, when the physical system is very susceptible to injury from prolonged effort and unaccustomed demands. While a large percentage pursue the course of study without detriment to health, a large number are left behind broken in body and feeble in mind, while some have met death from this cause.

Of recent years the tendency in colleges and high

schools has been to advance the grade of scholarship without much regard to the physical wellbeing
of the student. We wish to subscribe to the wholesome doctrine of a sound mind in a sound body and
to enter an emphatic protest against the popular
demand for extreme cultivation of the mental
powers. To suffer a physical or mental collapse is
a calamity. It means years of misery, with unstable
nerve centres, hysterical conditions and general
prostration for the victim, with undermined vitaity and wasted strength for the Nation. While the
forcing process may result in developing some
geniuses, it inevitably produces unbalanced characters and insane temperaments, who become nulsances to friends and burdens to society.

We consider the curriculum of the Girls' High
School and upper grammar grades too severe and
exacting. The irdividual members of the committee
have recently had under treatment many cases of
nervous prostration among the attendants of the
High School, which have been the direct result of,
faithful application to the required course of study,
and the oculists have had their attention particularly directed to many cases from this school where
the pupils are compelled to wear glasses, perhaps
for life, because of the strain put upon the eyes
and nervous system by the pressure of the course
of study. Some parents hesitate to send their children to the public school on account of the rigorous
requirements, and it is not uncommon to hear the
remark, "The public schools are all right if a
child can endure the strain."

We are convinced that the
pressure of the strain put upon
the average scholar, the sim has been too high,
and we respectfully pray your honorable body to
take measures to bring about a reform here such
as may be just and proper.

EDWARD CHAPIN, M. D.,
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Case the subject until the Board of Education takes
action.

METHODIST EVANGELICAL SERVICES. Union Methodist evangelistic services will be conducted this week at the Hanson Place Methodist Church. The programme will be: Monday, the Rev. Dr. D. A. Jordan; Tuesday, the Rev. Herbert Welch; Wednesday, the Rev. T. L. Price; Thursday, the Rev. Dr. L. A. Banks: Friday, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Pardington. Churches uniting: De Rev. Dr. R. S. Pardington. Churches uniting: De Kalb Avenue, Pettit Memorial, Summerfield, Simpson. Hanson Place, Fleet Street, York Street, Swedish Bethamy, Sands Street Memorial and Washer Street. The singing will be led by a volunteer chorse choir under Professor T. B. Tilton. conducted this week at the Hanson Place Mel